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Shepherds of Good Hope 
@sghottawa

Friends, it's been a difficult 24 hours. Staff harassed for meals. A service user and security guard assaulted. Through it all, you have donated and filled our hearts with gratitude. Every cent will support people experiencing homelessness. Thank you. See our statement 

Statement Regarding Protest in Ottawa

It's been an incredibly difficult weekend for our downtown shelter and soup kitchen programs. Our staff and volunteers faced significant barriers to get in to work. The only volunteer to make it in parked far away and walked.

Trucks were parked in our ambulance drop off zone for nearly 12 hours until they were removed and towed with the support of Ottawa Police Services. The incessant honking and noise from trucks, caused significant anxiety and distress to our staff and shelter residents. The Salvation Army Outreach van was not able to run in the downtown core. All shelters in the sector had to figure out contingency plans for client transportation.

The staff and volunteers at our soup kitchen experienced verbal harassment and pressure from protestors seeking meals. While we are not certain of exact numbers, the demands for meals and verbal altercations continued for several hours over the dinner period. One member of our shelter community was assaulted by protestors. A security guard went to his aid and was threatened and called racial slurs.

These incidents occurred two years to the day from the declaration of a State of Emergency on Housing and Homelessness in Ottawa. Since then, we have battled an unprecedented global pandemic. We have lost many community members due to the toxic overdose crisis. Our staff are beyond exhausted. We are so proud of how they have weathered the events of this weekend, as they weather all things, with courage and compassion.

Shepherds of Good Hope has been overwhelmed by the response we've received from our community and across the country. Thank you - we are extremely grateful to have this opportunity to highlight the incredible work done by our teams.

- Shepherds of Good Hope

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If that doesn't work, please give through Canada Helps.
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Your support is overwhelming. Thank you so, so much.

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Lori #MillionsMissing @loridennis604 · Jan 30

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**FXFI1** @FXFI1 · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa and @DavidWCochrane
Perhaps the "freedom" go fund me could spare a small donation.

**SnapShotFreak** @snapshotfreak · Jan 30
Replying to @FXFI1 @sghottawa and @DavidWCochrane
We truck drivers help homeless shelters, churches, and food banks all the time. If this happened, it was not anyone driving a truck! It sickens me that you're all turning on the very people who took a stand to help all of us! It's sad actually.

**bethany harpur** @2ndferment · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa
This is outrageous 🤬 But I'll channel my rage into doing something good. Made my donation to @sghottawa. Fighting hate with love.

**Vernon Good** @GoodVerngood · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa and @DavidWCochrane
Think we're seeing some criminal offences going on here. Hope the place has good security cameras and @OttawaPolice are checking them out.

**Jenn Beare** @jennbRDH · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa
@PierrePoilievre and @erinotoole Canada is waiting to hear from you regarding your "peaceful" protest people.

**Henry** @Rockatansky__ · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa
This is despicable.
Unfortunately, the majority of protesters in Ottawa will deny this and say they were paid actors or antifa members acting as truckers.
This is beyond ridiculous.

**Anik** @anik1968 · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa
@erinotoole @PierrePoilievre your buddies

**Dapper Tux** @Dapper_Tux · Jan 30
Replying to @sghottawa and @MominYQureshi
It's just absolutely heartbreaking, this "freedom" convoy is literally stealing from the poor...

**Momin Qureshi** @MominYQureshi · Jan 30
Replying to @Dapper_Tux and @sghottawa
Yup. I'm dropping them a donation. Only upside is it appears lots of people are donating.

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